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REMARKS

Claim Objections:

The Examiner objected to several informalities in claim 1. Claim 1 has been suitably amended to overcome this objection.

Obviousness Rejections:

The Examiner rejected the pending claims as obvious over Laursen in view of Christmas (alone or in combination with other references).

(a) The Presently Claimed Invention:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the following two features of the invention:

First - The **individual user initially requests access to the network by using their remote wireless device**. This request is then received by the network. In response, a software agent is sent from the network server to the remote wireless device. (Note: the authentication software agent is not resident on the remote wireless device until **after** the user initially requests access to the network).

Second – **Both the user and the device itself are authenticated** by the wireless network prior to access to the network being granted.

(b) The Laursen System:

The primary reference cited against the present claims is Laursen.

Laursen is a data "push" system that simultaneously sends urgent messages from a base station to a fleet of mobiles. Specifically, Laursen's "provisioning interface" 202 in fleet server 200 permits the initial request for data transmission. After this request has

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been entered, data is then transferred from fleet server 200 to proxy server 230 to mobile devices 250). (See para. [0055] of the specification).

Importantly, **the initial request for data transmission starts at fleet server 220**. Note: The initial request for data transmission **does not** start with the mobile device(s).

Laursen's provisioning entity simply determines the members of the group (of fleet mobiles) prior to pushing the data to them. As such, its provisioning entity simply acts as a "fleet manager". In addition, Laursen's "account manager" 228 has a user account corresponding to each mobile station. (See paras. [0019] and [0062]).

(c) The Present System Distinguished:

The presently claimed invention is different from Laursen in at least two important ways.

First – in the presently claimed invention, the initial request for data communication **starts at the mobile device**. In contrast, in Laursen, the initial request for data communication **starts at the base station**.

As such, Laursen assigns identification information **to** mobile devices, whereas the present invention receives identification information **from** mobile devices.

Second – in the presently claimed invention, **both** the user(s) and the remote device(s) are authenticated prior to data transmission. (See para [0024] of the specification). In contrast, in Laursen, **only** the remote device(s) is/are authenticated prior to data transmission.

An advantage of the present system of authenticating both the user and the device is enhanced security. In contrast, Laursen permits data transfer to any user that happens to be holding an authenticated remote device.

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Lastly, Laursen does not tech (1) transmitting a software agent to a wireless device, and then (2) executing the software agent on the wireless device, as claimed.

For at least the reasons presented above, withdrawal of the present obviousness rejections is respectfully requested. It is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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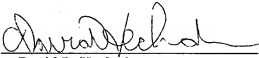Reply to Office Action mailed November 7, 2007

CONCLUSION

For the reasons presented above, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that it would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' Attorney, David R. Heckadon at (415) 875-3266.

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